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On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215 declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a public health emergency. Therefore, pursuant to the authority of KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 194A.025, and KRS 214.020, and Executive Order 2020-257 which suspended all residential evictions for the duration of the current state of emergency, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Inspector General issues the following directive:

As of this date there is a moratorium on discharging residents from any long term care facility for inability to pay for the cost of care during the current public health crisis. This moratorium shall remain in effect until Executive Order 2020-215 is rescinded.

Individuals who are unable to pay for their long-term care needs should apply for Medicaid coverage: https://www.benefits.gov/news/article/383

The Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services has been designated by the Governor to deliver these directives during this state of emergency.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during this public health emergency.

Respectfully

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